

Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

As a below named inventor, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to our name.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled.

CERAMIC MATERIAL, METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME, AND FORMED

PRODUCT THEREOF

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

was filed on _____ as United States Application Number _____ or PCT International Application Number _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

We here by claim foreign priority under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 (a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

| Prior Foreign Application(s) | | Priority Not Claimed |
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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code Section 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of application.

(Status: Patented, Pending, Abandoned)

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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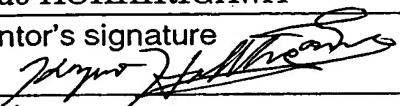
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